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SUBJ: THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE

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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLIES FROM EXTAFF TO
QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL:

A. THE THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE AUTHORITY (TIBA) IS A NEW
YORK CORPORATION AUTHORIZED BY PARLIAMENT TO OPERATE THE
CANADIAN PORTION OF THE THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE UNTIL THE
BONDS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY TO BUILD THE BRIDGE ARE
REDEEMED. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BOND ISSUE THE BONDS
ARE TO BE REDEEMED MARCH 1, 1976. BONDS OF THE AUTHORITY
MAY ONLY BE ISSUED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR IN
COUNCIL.

B-C. IT IS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S INTENTION TO ASSIGN
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANADIAN PORTION OF THE BRIDGE TO
THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY. THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY
AUTHORITY'S OFFICERS WILL MAKE ANY NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS WITH TIBA TO OPERATE THE BRIDGE
SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

D. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THERE
WAS AN OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL TAX LIABILITY OWED BY
TIBA. SECTION 4 OF THE ACT REFERRED TO IN BILL C-82
PROVIDES FOR SETTLEMENT OF ANY OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL
TAXES OWED BY TIBA WHEN THE REAL PROPERTY WHICH IT OWNS
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